

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Water Rations

THE Colony's water situation has again become grave, calling for the most stringent restrictions. That our rainfall may well be as much as 12 inches below the average at the end of this month is sufficient justification for the latest cut in domestic supplies. On the other hand, there is no call for panic. Failure of the late spring rains is no new experience in Hongkong. Last year the Colony suffered a temporary drought during June, then in the following three months received all the rainfall required to make the reservoirs overflow. The vagaries of the weather, however, do more seriously affect and inconvenience Hongkong than most other parts of the world and any abnormal shortage of rain demands immediate action in the rationing of water supplies. As from tomorrow, the Colony's domestic water supply is to be reduced to four hours daily, and the Water Authority has decided that the community as a whole will derive the maximum benefit from those drastic rations if they are spread over a straight four-hour period in the early evening. We, and the Colony generally, bow to the wisdom of the experts in this matter of deciding which is the most effective method of doing out water rations, although it is hard for the layman to concede that the whole daily supply should be made available over one period and not split into early morning and early evening allotments. It seems, however, that the experts are satisfied there will be a more equitable supply of water and less wastage if the daily ration is made available over a single period, and if they are right, there can be no complaints. Customarily, and rightly, the Water Authority requests the public to avoid any sort of water wastage. By the same token it must be emphasised that the PWD also sees to it that all unnecessary leakages in water mains are eliminated. The Authorities might also, with some profit to our storage, apply some rationing to water being used in construction work. There is a tendency for builders to be profligate with water. The seriousness of the situation requires that everything be done to prevent any wastage.



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Assault On Red River Delta Imminent PLANES ATTACK TROOP CONCENTRATIONS

Hanoi, May 18. A French High Command statement here tonight gave the first official news that a Vietminh army of 30,000 men is marching on the Red River delta, last French bastion in northern Indo-China. The High Command announced that invader bombers attacked lorries carrying the troops as they passed along Highway 41 from Dien Bien Phu, which fell to the Vietminh on May 7. Planes resumed their attacks on the highway after the High Command suspended an agreement for the evacuation of wounded at the fortress. This agreement had prevented air attacks against the road. Bombers attacked the first of 30 lorries near Mee Chou, midway between Dien Bien Phu and Hanoi, capital of the delta. Another convoy passing along the water-logged highway was strafed later a few miles further west.

RETRIAL IS ORDERED

New York, May 18. The Appeal Court today reversed the conviction of Minot Jelke, 24-year-old heir to a margarine fortune on charges of compulsory prostitution and ordered his retrial. He had been sentenced to three to six years' imprisonment. The majority of the Appeal Court ruled that it could not tolerate any court in a criminal trial closing the doors of a court room during the presentation of the case of one party and opening it when the other party undertook to present his case. The Appeal Court—the appeals division of the State Supreme Court—made this decision on a three to two vote. The Court held that Jelke, a cafe society playboy, was deprived of a fair and impartial trial because certain portions of the hearings were closed to the public. Jelke was released on \$50,000 (£17,850) bail last October pending the appeal against his conviction for forcing girls into prostitution. His release coincided with the expiry of an eight-month sentence passed on him for possession of two guns without licence.—Reuter.

As planes attacked during the day, the Vietminh released 18 French wounded at Dien Bien Phu. They were flown to Luang Prabang, Royal capital of Laos, by helicopter. French and Vietminh delegates met at Dien Bien Phu in the hope of reaching a modified evacuation agreement. A French High Command said the French mission had reached no result in the talks. The High Command suspended the agreement because Vietminh troops were passing along the highway from Dien Bien Phu toward the Red River delta. The Vietminh had said they needed it to evacuate their own wounded. About 80 French battalions in the Red River delta are facing the oncoming Dien Bien Phu army. They are already outnumbered by 70,000 Vietminh guerrillas and 30,000 regulars in the delta. It is not known whether the Vietminh will launch an immediate attack. They may be returning to their bases around the northern rim of the delta for rest and reorganisation after the bitter Dien Bien Phu battle. Unlike the defenders of Dien Bien Phu, French troops in the delta are not surrounded by hostile territory. Equipment and reinforcements can be supplied by sea and land routes.—Reuter.

At the end of September, 1953, the Vietminh were reported to hold 2,902 villages, French forces 2,187 with 1,403 considered "neutral". From January to May 15 of this year French officials reported Vietminh forces increased their control over another 1,018 villages, making an estimated total of 4,284 at present in the hands of the Communists, the sources said.—United Press.

3 KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

Manila, May 18. A Philippine Airplane Service Company (PASC) plane crashed in Ozamis City yesterday afternoon, killing the pilot and two passengers. The two youthful passengers had just boarded the plane on their return home in nearby Cebu City in Visayan Islands when the crash occurred. Reports said that the two young men were invited by their girl friends in Ozamis for the weekend. PASC is a local airline servicing several Visayan provinces.—France-Press.

RATIFY EDC APPEAL

Washington, May 18. The State Department today renewed its appeal for early French action on ratification of the European Defence Community Treaty. Commenting on Paris reports that French governmental leaders had decided to postpone Parliamentary debate on EDC for at least a month, spokesman Lincoln White said: "The position of our Government is quite clear. We earnestly hope and expect the French Parliament to have the opportunity to debate this subject at the earliest possible moment."—United Press.

Egyptians Hold Up Two Britons

Cairo, May 18. Five Egyptians armed with shot guns and pistols held up two British civilians near Suez on Monday and fired at and slightly injured one of them. A British military spokesman said here last night.—Reuter.



MAN GOES BERSERK

Shoots Three Men, Commits Suicide

London, May 19. A crazed gunman shot himself dead in the heart of London last night to end one of the city's most dramatic manhunt.

All London's 10,000 police had been mobilised to seek hulking, trigger-happy Nathan Goldberg, 27, who had wounded three men—two of them seriously—in shootings in scattered parts of London during the day.

Ex-Guardsman Goldberg, armed with a .22 automatic pistol, had a "revenge" list with the names of other potential victims on it. A business or family row is said to be behind the shootings.

After the third shooting, police were issued with revolvers—contrary to British tradition—for their protection against the feuding Goldbergs, six feet three inches tall, who walked with a limp. Goldberg shot himself in the back of a taxi cab. Four spent cartridges, one live round and a small nickel pistol were found on the blood-spattered back seat of the taxi.

SHOT THROUGH HEAD

Goldberg was found semi-conscious leaning against the side of the taxi—"plastered with blood, shot through the head," one policeman said. He was spotted just before midnight leaving a cinema in Leicester Square on the fringe of the Soho district of the West End. Three plain-clothes detectives and a police dog called Bruce spotted him. Bruce was sent bounding after the gunman, but Goldberg managed to escape in a taxi. The detectives—and Bruce—followed just behind in another taxi. Suddenly Goldberg's taxi stopped outside a big department store in the Strand, just over 100 yards from Leicester Square. There Goldberg turned his gun on himself. The detectives and the dog jumped from their taxi and quickly got in beside the now dying man.

The taxi driver was ordered to drive to Charing Cross Hospital—a few yards away—where Goldberg, now rapidly losing consciousness, was taken straight to the casualty ward. He died a few minutes afterwards.—China Mail Special.

Major Andrei Gudkov, one of the two majors of the Russian Embassy in London, who have been asked to leave the country within ten days. The other is Major Ivan Pupyshov, and they are both assistant Military Attaches. It is claimed that they abused their diplomatic status in the United Kingdom, and that they were no longer persona grata and requested that they should be recalled.—London Express.

WHAT THE CUSTOMS FOUND

Buenos Aires, May 18. Lai Man-gen, 51-year-old Chinese dry-cleaner returning to Argentina after a visit to Hongkong, told customs officials that his two trunks, eight suitcases, 19 baskets and three suitcases bags only contained "personal effects."

Customs agents, nevertheless, insisted on taking a look and found: a variety of silk handkerchiefs, 78 ivory statuettes, 121 porcelain flower vases, 13 hand-embroidered table-cloths, a number of bolts of silk and other porcelain ware.

Lai, who had lived in Argentina for 18 years, said he did not know it was against the law to bring in so much merchandise as baggage. But he was at a loss to explain why the porcelain objects were found in cans filled with sweets, biscuits, seed and spaghetti.—United Press.

Priest's Body Found In River

Paris, May 18. The body of a Catholic priest, Abbe Armand Lapouge, was pulled out of the river Seine today at Boulogne, a Paris suburb. The body of the priest was taken to the morgue for an autopsy. A wallet found on Abbe Lapouge, who was 36 years old, contained 40,000 francs. The police are investigating.—France-Press.

Stalemate Again At Geneva

STORMY SECRET SESSION

Geneva, May 18. The nine nations trying to end the Indo-China war at the peace talks here made no progress after a stormy secret session today, authoritative conference sources said. An acrimonious exchange between M. Bidault, the French Foreign Minister, and Mr. Pham Van Dong, the Vietminh Deputy Premier, dominated an East-West row over Laos and Cambodia. The Communists repeated their demand that an Indo-China settlement must include these two smaller Associated states which the West says should not even be the subject of dispute. Mr. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, again today backed the Vietminh demand that the anti-French movements in Laos and Cambodia, the Pathet Lao and Khmer, should take part in the political reorganisation of the two states, the sources said. At the end of the three and a quarter hour meeting, Mr. Molotov proposed that tomorrow should be allotted to discussing Korea. But Mr. Anthony Eden and General Bedell Smith, leaders of the British and American delegations, argued that to turn to Korea at this stage could be interpreted as meaning the failure of the Indo-China talks, the sources said. **MOLOTOV GIVES IN** After some confused arguing, Mr. Molotov accepted the Western case for continuing the Indo-China talks in a secret session tomorrow afternoon. The Communist position on Laos and Cambodia is that they should, with a Vietnam form part of an overall political settlement in which all three governments should join with the rebel movements in each state to arrange new elections. The West dismissed the Communist claim that the Pathet Lao and Khmer governments are political forces in Laos and Cambodia, and maintains that all that is needed is for the Vietminh forces to withdraw. Authoritative sources said that at today's secret session Mr. Molotov quoted Mr. John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, as having admitted in a speech that Laos and Cambodia were not free countries. Mr. Walter Bedell Smith, leader of the American delegation, said he wanted to refer to Mr. Dulles' speech before answering, the sources said. He indicated he would reply on Wednesday.—Reuter.

It appears the Americans were surprised by the depth of Mr. Eden's anger at not being told about these talks. Mr. Eden said it made his position as chief Western negotiator at Geneva much more difficult. The top-level talks will be used to draw up defence plans for whatever the situation is when the Geneva conference ends. Officially they will merely be a meeting of the Joint Staff Agency—normally held at Singapore with representatives from Britain, Australia, New Zealand, France and the United States. But I understand Britain has agreed they will be at Chief-of-Staff level—and probably in Washington. This has been urged by Admiral Radford, Chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs-of-Staff. The impression here is that Britain would still prefer to keep the talks in Singapore, but is willing to concede the point if necessary.—London Express Service.

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General Franco speaks to the vast crowd of 60,000 people, who gathered in the main square at Salamanca, which Franco recently visited for the first time since 1939. It was here that he had his headquarters from 1937 to 1939.—Express Photo.

British Union's "No" To German Rearmament

London May 18.

Yet another British union has come out against German rearmament — the 200,000-strong National Union of Agricultural Workers.

Voting by the 200 delegates to the biennial conference at Cheltenham was unanimous after their president, Alderman Edwin Gooch, had declared: "I wouldn't trust a militaristic German with even a broomstick."

Mr Gooch said it was pretty evident that the rank and file of the Labour movement were strongly opposed to German rearmament.

Though not a Bevanite, he was one of the minority who voted against a German contribution to Western defence in the Labour Party national executive committee, of which he is a member. "I don't regret that step," he told delegates, amid cheers.

On wages the union agreed to aim at £7 weekly minimum for a five-day 44-hour week, which means a £1 a week rise. This would add £34 million a year to the wage bill.

Basis of the claim is that "agricultural workers do not get fair treatment compared with workers in other industries," said Mr Harold Collison. He hopes for a settlement of the wage talks by mid-June. The conference rejected an implied threat of strike action to support their claim.

Rocket Can Fly 250 Miles High

Moscow, May 18.

Professor A. Shternfeld, winner of the international prize for the encouragement of astronomy, declared in the Soviet journal *Solovskaya* that a thermo chemical rocket could now reach a height of 400 kilometres (250 miles).

He described the rocket as of two stages, with the first taking it up to 200 kilometres (125 miles), and the second carrying on up to 400 kilometres.

He said this rocket was built according to the plan of the Soviet engineer Teiklovskii drawn over 50 years ago. He said that the atomic rocket would enable direct flights to the moon and other planets to be made without culling at interplanetary platforms. — France-Press.

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Southeast Asian Defence Treaty By July?

Washington, May 19.

Administration circles in Washington are suggesting that June 30 may be the target date for completion and signature of the proposed Southeast Asian defence treaty.

A signed treaty would have to go to Congress for ratification by about that date to allow time for its passage through the Senate before Congress adjourns. Congressmen, who face a general election in November, plan to adjourn on July 31.

If June 30 or anything near it is the target date, the drafting and signature of the treaty will have to be done with unusual speed.

At present, the United States, Britain and France are formally only at the stage of agreeing to "examine the possibility" of the proposed security arrangement for South-east Asia and the Western Pacific.

But the American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, has interpreted this agreement to mean that exploratory talks can be conducted bilaterally between the United States and several Asian and Pacific powers directly concerned.

Considerable progress has been made in these talks, and this may make it possible for later formal talks to be speeded up.

The British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, made it clear on Monday that Britain would be opposed to entering into negotiations involving commitments of the kind proposed for the Southeast Asia security arrangement until the results of the Indo-China talks at Geneva were known.

Assuming there will be no multilateral talks until Britain is ready to join them, then it may be some time before the security arrangements can be discussed. Mr Dulles appears to have accepted this position.

Last week, he said that both the Geneva and Washington talks on these questions were progressing fairly rapidly, and that he did not expect any definitive multilateral result until it could be seen more clearly what the outcome at Geneva would be. — Reuter.

Big Balloon Soars To Record Height

Minneapolis, May 18.

The biggest balloon ever made out of plastic material today broke the world altitude record for this kind of balloon by ascending 117,000 feet into the stratosphere over the north-west part of America today.

The balloon, which had a diameter of 160 feet and was filled with helium, was launched only today in an experiment undertaken by the U.S. Navy's research services to study cosmic rays.

Nicknamed the "super sky-hook" the balloon carried 50 pounds of recording instruments. It was built by the General Mills Co., the same company which built the balloon that held the altitude record for the last two years of 111,000 feet. — France-Press.

Money To Be Given To Nationalists

Chicago, May 19.

Federal Judge Walter J. Labay today ordered the \$70,500.45 held by the Chicago Scientific Company of Chicago turned over to the Nationalist Chinese Government on Formosa.

The Nationalist Government had deposited the money with the firm between 1932 and 1940 for equipment for 38 Chinese educational institutions on the mainland.

The Company asked the court what to do with the funds since the Communist Government established itself in China.

Judge Labay entered a default decree in favour of the Nationalists when the People's Government at Peking failed to respond as a party to the suit. — United Press.

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Labour's Post-War Policy On Asian Colonies

London, May 18.

Since giving full self-government and equality to India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon, Britain had "gained immensely in the friendship of Asiatic peoples," the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Clement Attlee said.

He wrote this in his autobiography "As It Happened" published today by Messrs William Heinemann Ltd, London.

He said this policy of giving self-government to Asian nations had probably acted as a barrier to further Communist advances on the Asian continent.

"Our policy in giving full self-government and equality in the Commonwealth to these Asiatic States has, I think, met with general approval except from a limited number of people, including Sir Winston Churchill, who regarded it as a betrayal of our imperial heritage," he said.

"In fact, we have gained immensely in the friendship of the Asiatic peoples, which is, in my view, of immense importance to the future peace of the world."

"Communism, which has little appeal to peoples enjoying a comparatively high standard of life, appears to many of the peoples of Asia as a liberating force. An attempt to maintain the old colonialism would, I am sure, have immensely aided the Communist attack on Asia."

Mr Attlee said that this could be shown by the experience of two other great Colonial Powers—the Dutch and the French.

"The great Dutch Empire in the East Indies had been seen Europeans beaten by an Asiatic Power and were not slow to draw their conclusions. When the war came to an end with the defeat of Japan, nationalist elements at once advanced their claims to self-government."

GRAVE ANXIETY

"The wisest Dutch statesmen saw that there must be concessions, but there were strong voices of Dutch opinion, both in the Colonies and in Holland, who thought that there could be a return to the old regime."

"The position in Indonesia was a subject of grave anxiety to us in the first two years after the war, Mr Ernest Bevin (then British Foreign Secretary) said. I had many meetings with Dutch statesmen on the future of Indonesia, and I think that we were not without influence but the delay in granting full self-government was unfortunate."

Mr Attlee said this encouraged disorder and lost the Dutch more goodwill, "which is a speedier acceptance of the inevitable would have avoided."

"The French were still slower to recognise the march of events," he added. "At the time of writing, in 1953, the French Government has at last recognised the right of the people of Indo-China to self-government."

Had this been done earlier, France would have spared the heavy drain of a long military campaign.

"Communism would not have had the opportunity of making itself the champion of nationalism. Colonialism of the old kind, with its virtues and defects, is out of place in the modern world."

LESSONS OF THE PAST

"It behoves all Colonial Powers to read the lessons of the last eight years. They need to be applied in Africa as to Asia. Here again, I may claim that the Labour Government has blazed the trail."

Earlier in the book, Mr Attlee refers to his associations as Labour Prime Minister with the Prime Ministers of the

Commonwealth, saying he had never known any line of cleavage develop "on account of our particular political affiliations."

"Commonwealth relations are above and outside party politics," he comments.

He had "great pleasure in meeting to know the Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand, Joseph Chifley, an Australian-born railway worker, was a man of great character, respected by all."

"I had known Peter Fraser (former Prime Minister of New Zealand) for some years. He was a most lovable character with a very human outlook, but he had plenty of courage and was a fitting representative of the New Zealand people."

"GREAT CHARM
Mr Nehru, (Prime Minister of India), who united great charm with high abilities, brought a very distinctive viewpoint to our discussions. Despite his long and strenuous opposition to the British Raj and his years of imprisonment, he had no bitterness. He is entirely free from the spirit of hatred which sometimes possesses the nationalist."

Mr Attlee refers to "the tragic misfortune for his country" that Mr Liaquat Ali Khan, first Prime Minister of Pakistan, "should have been struck down by the hand of an assassin."

He says Pakistan was fortunate in having him as leader in the first difficult years of the new state.

Paying tribute to the late Don Stephen Senanayake, former Prime Minister of Ceylon, Mr Attlee says: "He was the right man to guide his country in the new era and he felt keenly the exclusion of his country from the United Nations."—China Mail Special.

Poland Asks For Release Of Two Ships

London, May 18.

The Polish Foreign Minister, Mr Stanislaw Skazkowski, has asked the United Nations to secure the immediate release of two Polish ships and their crews, alleged to be held on Formosa.

He alleged that they were seized by the Chinese Nationalists with American help, the Polish Embassy said today.

The Embassy issued the text of telegrams sent by the Minister to Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, President of the General Assembly, and Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary-General.

He said the seizure on May 13 of the Polish freighter Cottwald off Formosa by Chinese Nationalists, and the detention of the Fraca six months ago, were "acts of aggression" for which the United States was responsible.—Reuter.

In Memory Of A Brave Man

London, May 18.
A gate at the rebuilt London Transport bus garage at Emsay End—a south-eastern suburb of London—is to be called the "Cunningham Gate" as a memorial to 35-year-old John Cunningham and nine other members of the garage staff killed when a flying bomb hit the building in 1944.

Cunningham was in his look-out when he saw the flying bomb, engine cut out, diving straight at the garage.

He stayed at his post sounding the warning buzzer as the bomb flew through the main doors into the garage and exploded directly beneath him.

"He was without thought for his own safety," said London Transport—China Mail Special.

Vietnam Army To Be Made Stronger

Geneva, May 19.

Ex-Empire Bao Dai, head of the Vietnamese state, has taken measures to increase the strength of the Vietnamese National Army to 300,000 men, a spokesman of Prime Minister, announced last night.

The spokesman said that Bao Dai had on May 16 signed a series of decrees.

One called for the mobilisation of 100,000 men born between 1921 and 1929.

Another decree would mobilise 1,050 reserve territorial officers.

Prime Bao Dai, who has been staying at Thonon, near Geneva, left for Paris yesterday while the ex-Empire left for Cannes on the French Riviera.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister plans to fly to Saigon shortly to carry out the decrees and the reorganisation of the Vietnamese armed forces, the spokesman said.

He added that the Vietnamese forces would soon total 300,000 officers and other ranks but did not give the strength of the present army.—Reuter.

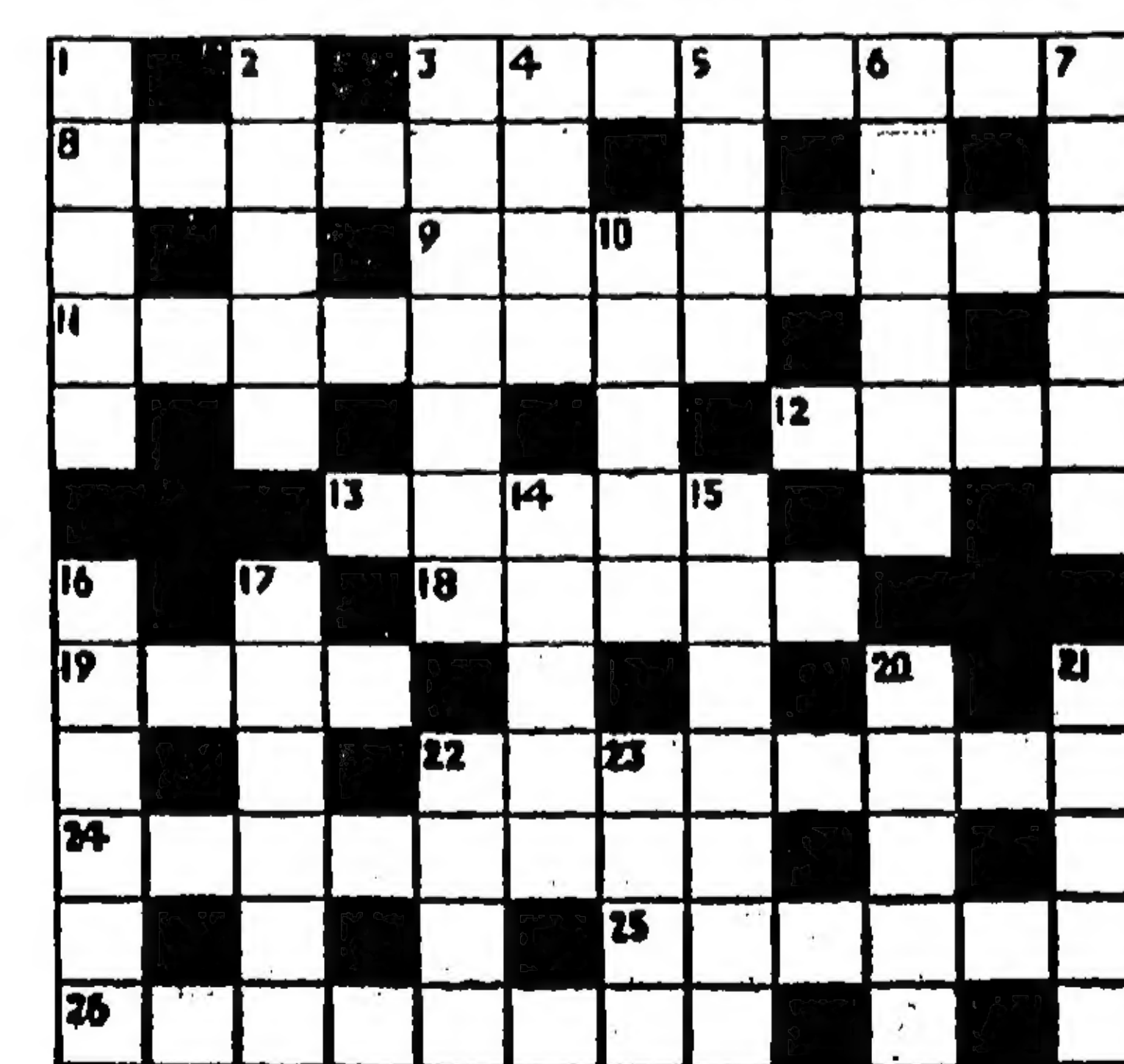
New Morris Car

London, May 19.
Details of a new British six-seater family car with a top speed of more than 70 m.p.h. per hour were announced today by the Morris Organisation.

The car, a larger edition of the Morris Oxford, is claimed to be the most comfortable of its class on the road.

It costs £525 with £210 purchase tax.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 3 Disappeared (8).
 - 8 Writing instrument (6).
 - 9 Opportunities (8).
 - 11 Repels (8).
 - 12 Endure (4).
 - 13 Slow motor (5).
 - 15 Deal with (5).
 - 19 Pitcher (4).
 - 23 Supposes (8).
 - 24 "Soft" drink (8).
 - 25 Published (6).
 - 26 Choppers (8).
- DOWN**
- 1 Accelerate (5).
 - 2 Bird (5).
 - 3 Very forceful (7).
 - 4 Mountains (4).
 - 5 Taverns (4).
 - 6 Chased (6).
 - 7 Wilderness (6).
 - 10 Unearthly (5).
 - 14 Sent (5).
 - 16 Bounty (7).
 - 18 Opulence (5).
 - 17 Allow (4).
 - 20 Animal's nose and mouth (5).
 - 21 Stage whisper (6).
 - 22 Measure (4).
 - 23 Approach (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Particle, 7 Rural, 8 Attained, 10 Ornate, 13 Distend, 16 Door, 17 Diverge, 18 Slender, 20 Mere, 21 Reduced, 26 Cerise, 27 Desolate, 28 Drama, 29 Envelopes. Down: 1 Brood, 2 Irons, 3 Plate, 4 Trap, 5 Condo, 6 Endure, 9 Tender, 11 Rifle, 12 Alone, 14 Direct, 15 Demure, 18 Ogres, 19 Smudge, 19 Erases, 22 Deeds, 23 Cited, 24 Dense, 25 Fies.

ROUTE 41 Vietminh Used It To Carry War Materials SPOKESMAN'S CLAIM

Geneva, May 18.

A French spokesman said today the Vietminh wanted to use route 41 to transport about four divisions, artillery and other armour from Dien Bien Phu to the Red River delta in north Vietnam.

He was answering charges by a Vietminh spokesman at an earlier press conference today that the French authorities in Indo-China were "torpedoing" the agreement on the evacuation of the French Union wounded from the fortress.

Asked if the French High Command had concrete proof that the Vietminh forces had actually transported war material on route 41 during the evacuation "neutralisation" period, the spokesman said: "No proof at the present. But according to all indications they have."

"If the Vietminh was not using the road for passage of war material, why should it refuse control measures?" he asked.

The French spokesman said the French Command Radio at Hanoi, which was always used to communicate with the Vietminh, had given a 24-hour warning to the Vietminh that route 41 would be bombed again.

The official warning was made on May 17. It said that bombing would begin twenty-four hours later. In fact, weather conditions prevented action until thirty-two hours later, on May 18, when the camp of Son La was attacked with "satisfactory results."

He categorically denied a Vietminh spokesman's statement earlier today that the French had given no previous warning that bombing would be resumed. He said not only had the warning but it had also been given verbally by French evacuation officers at Dien Bien Phu to the Communist Command there.

TALKS CONTINUING

The spokesman said the French High Command had originally "accepted provisionally" that route 41 should be neutralised.

He said in accordance with this agreement, no French aircraft flew over or bombed the road between May 14 and May 18.

The spokesman declared that negotiations were continuing

between the two Commands in Indo-China.

He confirmed also that French and Vietminh representatives would meet to discuss the position in Geneva. Although France had named a representative, no meetings had yet been held, he added.

ONLY 11 FRENCHMEN

The spokesman protested against Vietminh "discrimination" in not including any Vietnamese in the first list of 735 wounded to be evacuated. He complained that only 11 French wounded had been evacuated from Dien Bien Phu in four days.

The spokesman declared that there were 2,000 to 2,500 French troops in Dien Bien Phu, about 20 per cent of whom were probably wounded.

Replying to Vietminh allegations that the French did not come to evacuate any wounded in May 15 or 16, he said two French helicopters had worked two days at the fortress without receiving any wounded to fly out.

Commenting on Vietminh reports that 15 French prisoners were killed in today's French attack on route 41, the spokesman said that if this were true, the Vietminh bore full responsibility for the loss of life because of the warning they had received.—Reuter.

£27,700 Worth Of Army Goods Stolen

London, May 18.

The Under-Secretary of War, Mr J. R. H. Hutchison, told the House of Commons today that estimates of the loss of War Department property in Singapore had been "much exaggerated."

There have been six thefts of vehicles and stores of a total value of about £27,700 and 15 lesser cases of pilferage of a total value of about £200.

"Of the cases where investigation have been completed, one was due to fraud by a civilian employee and the rest were due to theft by civilians."

(On May 12, an Army source in Singapore said the British Army in special investigation branch had taken eight British servicemen into custody there in connection with investigations into the theft and resale of Army vehicles.

(The source said the thefts, including bulldozers, trucks and in one case a new mobile workshop amounted to more than 20 million Malayan dollars).—China Mail Special.

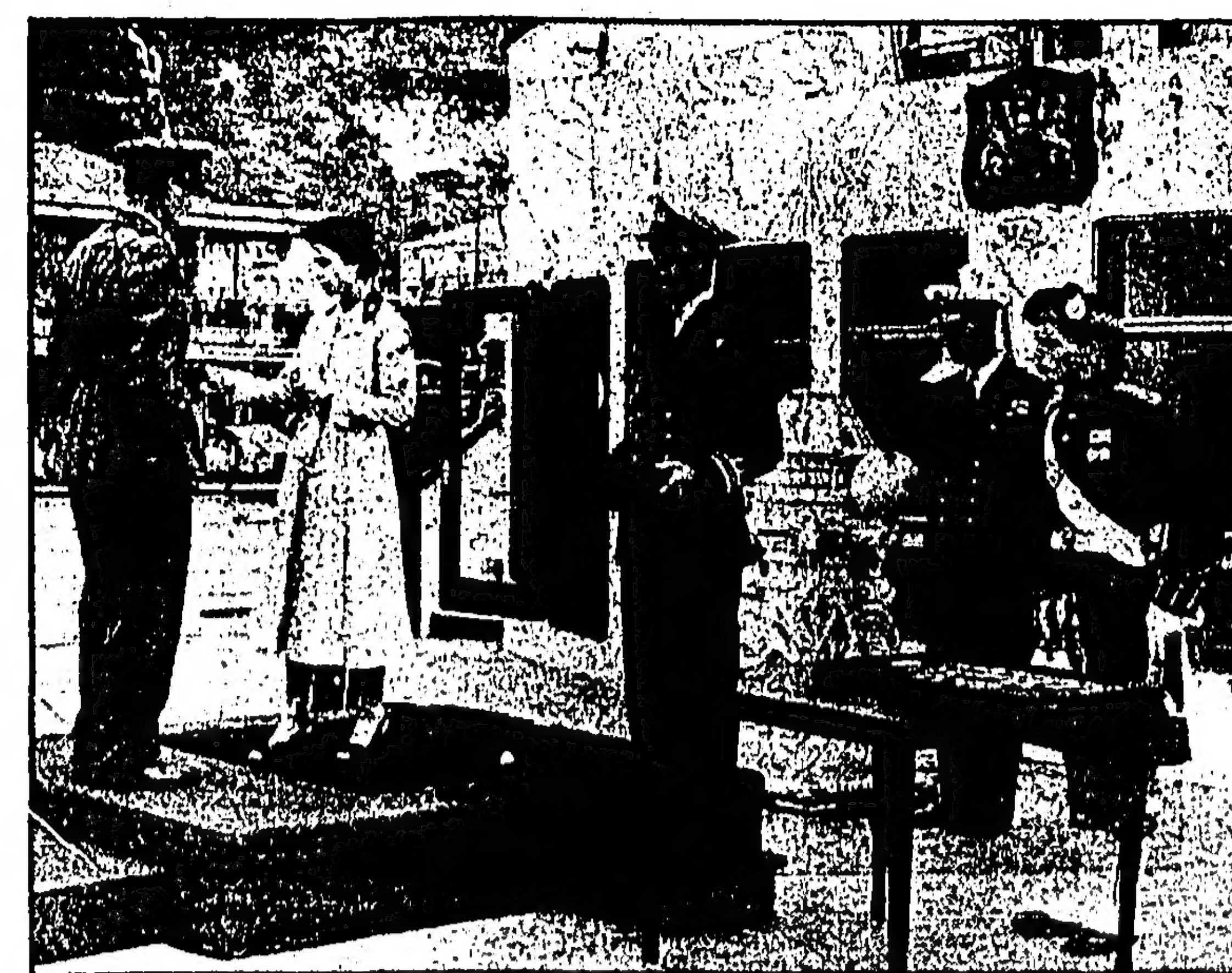
Eisenhower's Talks On Ending School Segregation

Washington, May 18.

President Eisenhower met local officials today to discuss plans for ending segregation in Washington schools.

He asked the officials—commissioners of the District of Columbia in which Washington is situated—to keep him informed about progress.

The President believes the District of Columbia—bordering on the southern state of Virginia—should set an example.



Canadian MP Says:—

McCarthyism Has Lowered American Prestige

Ottawa, May 18.

United States prestige in Europe and the Near East had been seriously weakened by "McCarthyism," progressive conservative foreign affairs critic, Mr John Diefenbaker said today.

Rabbit-killing Disease Spreads In UK

London, May 19.

The rabbit-killing disease of myxomatosis, which first occurred in Britain in Kent last October, has now spread as far afield as Cornwall and Radnorshire. The number of outbreaks has reached 29.

Statements on the disease were made in the House of Commons in the House of Lords. Warning was given that, with the present warm weather, it was likely to spread rapidly to new areas.

Sir Thomas Dugdale, Minister of Agriculture, told Major Anstruther-Gray (C, Berwick and East Lothian) in the Commons that the most northerly outbreaks reported so far were on the Suffolk-Norfolk border.

There had been a notable development of the disease during the last three weeks or so in East and South-East England.

Counties now affected are Kent, 13 outbreaks; East Sussex, Essex and East Suffolk, four each; Isle of Wight, Radnor, Gloucester and Cornwall, one each.

Asked about a report that poachers had taken rabbits from an infected area to Cumberland, Sir Thomas replied: "So far as I can ascertain there is no justification for these rumours."

DELIBERATE SPREAD URGED

In the House of Lords the Earl of Listowel pressed for the deliberate spread of myxomatosis. He declared that the post-war campaign against rabbits with "conventional weapons" such as traps and gas had failed.

"I cannot understand why we should be squeamish about using this non-conventional weapon. I much regret the decision of the Government, on the advice of its advisory committee, to leave the disease to take its natural course. I hope the Minister will reconsider the decision."

Lord Carrington, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, who was chairman of the advisory committee, said it considered the deliberate spread of the disease would be undesirable on humanitarian and other grounds. "Every piece of evidence except one given to us was against spreading the disease artificially."

"If last year's experience is any guide, we can expect a rapid spread of the disease to new areas. We shall need to think in future of counter-measures, as centres of infection."

"Agricultural losses due to rabbits are put at between £44 and £50 millions a year."

Eisenhower Says USA Wants Peace

New York, May 18.

President Eisenhower said today that, despite headlines and "distractions", the Government had the single basic aim of a drive for peace and security.

Speaking at a ceremony in honour of the 179th anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration the President pledged: "Your Government in all its heart is devoted to one thing only—fair and just peace for all mankind."

He cautioned the people not to be swayed by any "distractions" but he did not mention the Army-McCarthy hearings.

The Army Secretary, Mr Stevens, shared the platform and at one point Mr Eisenhower said: "We still have confidence in our Services—from our Secretaries down to the last private."

The crowd cheered. The President said every move the Government made and every programme it supported, at home and abroad, was towards that road to peace.

Until the nation had such peace, he continued, it could not achieve the true freedom for which the planners stood when they signed the Mecklenburg Declaration 179 years ago.—United Press.

The Queen held an investiture on the promenade deck of the royal yacht Britannia at which 11 officers and other ranks of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment were decorated for gallantry in Korea. This picture shows Lt-Colonel P. R. St. P. Bunbury, D.S.O., receiving a bar.

US Concern At Red Arms Shipments To Guatemala

Washington, May 18.

A State Department spokesman said today that the shipment of Communist arms to Guatemala would be considered a threat to the western hemisphere and lead to consultation between the American republics under the Rio de Janeiro Treaty.

The spokesman, Mr Lincoln White, refused to say, however, if the United States did in fact consider the shipment to be a threat to the hemisphere's security.

The arrival of arms was described as a "development of gravity" by the Department yesterday. It revealed a big shipment was being unloaded at the Guatemalan port of Puerto Barrios. The weapons were said to come from Stettin, Poland.

The Rio Treaty, a mutual defence pact, was signed in 1947. Under its provisions, a consultative body—formed from the Foreign Ministers of all signatories can be called to consider any move which might endanger the security of the American continent.

Mr White had been asked at a press conference if the shipment could lead to action under the treaty.

Emphasising that he was discussing a hypothetical question, Mr White replied: "Yes—as a threat to the security of the western hemisphere."

"I cannot forecast any specific action but certainly it could be regarded as a threat to security," he added.

He refused to say what types and quantities of arms were being unloaded.—Reuter.

Naguib At Indian Trade Exhibition



President Naguib is interested in one of the exhibits when visiting the Indian Trade Exhibition at Calcutta.—Express Photo.



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FIND THIS BOY! The third day

The woman in the car starts a new mystery

WHERE is Tony Rowe? To find him is urgent, for two reasons: he will die unless he is given an injection, and he is the only witness to the murder of his mother, Diana, in Earls Court. Superintendent Stanley, of Scotland Yard, is telling the story of his search for 10-year-old Tony—a search which has taken him to Manchester, where Tony called on his aunt, Mrs. Brown. But Mrs. Brown was out, and someone else has taken the note Tony scribbled for her.

MRS. BROWN sat down and her pretty little face screwed up with the pain of trying to remember what her nephew Tony Rowe had written in the note. "I can't recall the exact words," she said. "I do remember he said he was going to see his daddy. But he'd already seen him when George came into the flat at Earls Court and murdered poor Diana." "I said, 'That's the trouble. That's why he ran away. Tony hasn't seen his father for six years. He didn't recognise him at Earls Court.' 'The poor bairn!' she said again. 'And to think he'll die if he isn't found! You must find him. The whole country is anxious to help you.' 'With possibly one exception,' I said. 'What I want to know is, who was the man who came to see you this morning? What can he want with Tony Rowe?'"

EDINBURGH. "I hope you find him, sir," he said. "I sighed. 'So do I — and quickly, too. Before someone else gets to Tony Rowe before I do.' 'I went to work as soon as I got to Edinburgh. I told the police car to drop me at the post office corner of Princes Street, and started down Leith Walk on my own. I turned round to have a quick look at Edinburgh Castle, black and grim on its cliff-top. In spite of the sunny day, and it was then that I noticed a big car with a Middlesex number, NXA 538, draw up at the kerb. 'I saw it first because it was being driven by a striking brunette. She was voluptuous and foreign looking. Everything was large about her—eyes, lips, hooped earrings, and what I could see of her figure. Then my attention was distracted from her as I saw a man slide out of the back seat. The car drove off. 'I had seen his face somewhere before, and not in a society photograph either. It was 10

minutes later, as I turned into Backland Street, that I realised he was following me. For a few seconds I debated whether to throw him off, and decided against it. We had flooded the country with appeals for help in finding Tony Rowe, but we had told no one that I had come to Edinburgh to look for him. If my shadower, nevertheless, knew I was here, he probably also knew where I was going.

It was my job to keep him on my trail until the convenient moment when I could start finding out something about him. I had discovered in Manchester that someone else besides the police, someone far more sinister, was also seeking Tony Rowe. The man lurking at the corner as I walked down Backland Street might well tell me, with a little persuasion, who they were—and why they wanted a sick and sad 10-year-old child.

A knot of boys was wrestling noisily on the pavement of Backland Street as I approached, while a small girl with a very dirty face was standing on the edge of them saying, in a voice that was surprisingly calm in the circumstances: "Go on, hit him again, the wee devil! Kick him! Pull his hair out!" Underneath the pile of boys was a child about six years old, fiercely struggling against overwhelming odds, tears coursing down his grubby cheeks as he lashed out with feet and elbows. The moment I bent down to rescue him from the unfair fight, the other boys looked up, and hastily made off for the other side of the street, taking the little girl with them, and halted in the safety of an alleyway, hooting in hate and derision at me and the boy.

"Thanks, mister," he said, rubbing a cut on his bare knee. "What's the trouble?" I asked. "Nothing," he answered, in a flat voice. "They dinna like me any more, that's all." "I see." He was evidently in no mood for further conversation. "Then perhaps you can help me, this time. I'm looking for flat Number 14C. D'you know it?" His face was suddenly full of alarm. "That's where I live! What d'you want? What have you come for?" "Never mind that," I said. "Just take me there, will you?" But he had broken away and rushed down the street and disappeared into one of the dark, covered courtways that led into the buildings, with the obvious intention of warning whoever lived in 14C that I was coming. As I turned into the courtway, I saw that my shadower, cigarette drooping from his lips, still waited at the corner.

Illustration
by
ROBB

"My shadow still waited at the corner"

**TOMORROW:
Who are the
kidnappers?**

PLANTED?

I GOT on to the Yard as soon as I returned to police headquarters. "We're snowed under with reports about the boy," said my assistant. "He's been seen practically everywhere in the country except on the end of Wigan Pier. We're checking them all, of course," he added hastily. "Some of them may be genuine." "And some of them may be deliberately faked — by someone who doesn't want us to find this child." "I don't understand," said my assistant. "You will when you get my report on the flicker this evening. The report is asking for action, and action is what I want. Manchester police have promised to co-operate. So have all the constabularies up to the Scottish border." "I want the commissioner to go through channels and get help from the Scots too—every motorist, every lorry-driver, every licket collector questioned." "I could almost hear him breathing hard as he scribbled on his pad. 'Right, sir. And what about you? Are you coming boarding another of those blasted night trains?' I said. 'For Edinburgh this time, Tony Rowe left a note here in Manchester, to say he was going to see his daddy.' 'He gulped. 'You mean George Rowe? But didn't he know—?' 'That's just the point,' I snapped. 'He didn't recognise him. When his daddy comes from the sea and when he writes to Tony, he writes from Edinburgh, and that's where Tony thinks he is. 'I don't know whether he has the money to get there, but he left here nearly four days ago and he's a determined child, it seems. So I'm going to look for him in Edinburgh.'"

I HAVE no idea what girls were doing during the last days of Pompeii, or what they were up to in Sodom and Gomorrah before the wrath descended on them. But you have only to read the papers to find out what upper class girls are doing while big bangs are going on in the Pacific. According to Catherine Boyle, "viscountess Tarbat, a glamorous friend of mine who, at 40, has the most beautiful skin I have ever seen," uses cucumber to keep it that way. To quote again, "After her cook has added cucumber to the salad Lady Tarbat collects the peel for use when her guests have gone. She rubs it all over her neck and shoulders." Of course, there is nothing new in this. As an old student of women's columns I can assure Catherine that girls were raiding the salad bowl and the larder for beauty aids long before she was born. At some time in the middle twenties (according to those columns) they were rubbing their necks and faces not only with cucumber but with endive, Russian salad, beetroot, carrots, hard-boiled eggs and ripe tomatoes. Some of the madder girls were using hot porridge and mashed potatoes as face packs, and one, the maddest of them all, poured salad dressing over her hair. Then there were girls who got sunburned and "battered

their faces like toast "to keep the tan." They only needed a little cheese to turn themselves into a Welsh rabbit and become edible. At that time I remember being nervous of eating salads. Lady Tarbat at least has the decency to wait until her guests have gone before using the cucumber. But who knew then (and who knows now) if some mucky girl has not wiped her neck on the cucumber, rubbed her face with the beetroot and even poured the dressing over her hair before putting it all back in the bowl?

Pink Doggies

THE world is full of menace, but for me the greatest menace at the moment is a woman living in Blackpool. According to the news this woman bought a new coat in a fashionable shocking pink. So she had her poodle's coat dyed the same colour. The report adds: "If she wears her new blue outfit the poodle will have a re-spray." As I live at least 300 miles from Blackpool, and thank providence for every mile that separates me from the place, I shall probably never see this terrifying doggie that may be smothering pink one day and blue the next. But I know that this woman will have many imitators, and that soon the streets, the cafes, and the bars will be full of nightmare doggies in glorious Technicolour.

To me all doggies, except normal-sized, normal-shaped, friendly doggies that never bark, are nightmares already. The presence of them, attached by leads to nightmare women in trousers, has made a quiet evening in a bar a happy memory of the past.

So far, trying to endure the terrible today while remembering happier yesterdays when inoffensive doggies, controlled by men, would be brought into pub on Sunday mornings for a biscuit and a bite at another doggie's behind, I have put up with women and their uncontrolled dogs in bars and elsewhere.

I have not protested when enormous doggies have tried to play rugby football with me, knocking the glass out of my hand and hurling me into a corner; when little doggies on leads have chased other little doggies on leads, run round my legs, binding my ankles together and leaving me hog-tied and helpless. I have said nothing when hideous midge-doggies have been lifted on counters to lick round the glasses and sneeze on the snacks. But if shocking pink poodles are going to chase poison green pekings round my ankles, if bright blue dachshunds are going to pick over the snacks, and if letter-box red Alsatians are going to tackle me and hurl me to the floor, then I shall be driven from bars into London clubs where women and doggies are not allowed and only the members are pink, red or blue

according to the state of their health.

Happy Families

WHENEVER I look upon the insolent face of the modern child, hear its uninhibited howlings of frustration, observe its disgusting manners and disrespect for its elders I think of a book I once read about the happy families of China before Communism hit them. Although it is true that the book described the lives of middle class, prosperous Chinese and ignored the desperate poverty of the peasants which made Communism possible, it was an illuminating glimpse of the peace that can bless a household when young and old take their proper places in the pattern of civilised living. For instance, the book told how the old were revered by the young almost to a point of idleness, and how the young were loved by the old because of their lovely good manners; and because I am no longer young myself I suppose I was envious. I envied the father of a Chinese household when every head was bent low as he passed through the courtyards, and particularly envied those who were regarded as philosophers and poets. These old frauds, after weeks of meditation in solitude, would appear before their stunned relations and read them a long, little crack like the following:

"When the sun sets in the west you may be sure it will rise in the east." After which the philosopher's entire family, including his wife and all his concubines, would fall flat on their stomachs as a tribute to genius. Word would be passed round that a divine being had given birth to an immortal piece of wisdom and, at the approach of the sage, men, women, and children in the street would grovel by the wayside with their noses in the mud. At the time it struck me as unfair that a Chinese philosopher, turning out a couple of cracks a year, can command so much respect, while an English columnist, who has written many gags at least as obvious as the foregoing, commands no respect at all. Why is it that the dear little children of my district never rub their noses in the mud as I pass, but only throw snow-balls at me in the winter and half-sucked lollies in the summer? Why is it that people never prostrate themselves in the gutter as I walk the streets, but only push me off the pavements with their prams and bicycles if they don't know me, and call out "Watchter, cock!" if they do? Why is it that no member of my family falls flat on her stomach at my approach? In some cases it is obvious lack of respect. In other cases rheumatism. But that is no excuse for the concubines. (World Copyright)

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Move To Hang Out Moonlets

SPACE scientist S. F. Singer wants the U.S. to hang out an artificial moonlet. He says they now know enough about this sort of thing to do it. The little moon would be made of an alloy, perhaps stainless steel; weigh maybe as little as 50lb., and be launched by a three-stage rocket. Two hundred miles up in the sky, it would be a satellite whirling around Earth once every two hours. It would carry instruments that would give valuable information about the sun, he says.

RIP VAN WINKLE, you will remember, slept for 20 years—waking to find that George III was no longer king in America. To this day the site in Washington Irving's tale is named Sleepy Hollow, but there is no sleep there now o' nights. Bridge builders, working round the clock, make the Hudson River hideous with noise, and people complain that the pile-drivers shake their beds.

FULL-PAGE colour advertisements issued by the British Travel Association use Sir Winston Churchill as a "scenic attraction." They show him sitting on the turf at the White City stadium, watching the judging of hunters. "Seated left," says the caption, "is the Former Naval Person." It is a pseudonym by which Sir Winston is widely known here because of his wartime use of it in those lively communications to President Roosevelt.

TWO MEN holding toy guns grabbed \$11,452 dollars in a New York department store. Then they got lost among racks of women's dresses and coats, tamely submitted to arrest and turned over a paper bag containing the money.

AMERICANS dip doughnuts in breakfast coffee. With the dear coffee, fewer cups are drunk and fewer doughnuts are "dunked." That means less work for bakers. And so the bakery workers' union takes its case against high coffee prices to Washington.

SPECIAL COURSES on Britain's jet engines will be given to Columbia University students this week. They begin with Farmborough pioneer James Hodge as the lecturer.

IN the chief gaoler's office of the new air-conditioned gaol in Houston, Texas, TV sets keep him informed of goings-on all over the prison. Concealed cameras are trained on interview rooms, cell corridors, and other trouble spots. He can look at nine all-seeing eyes at once.

BUSINESS MEN plan to spend \$1,683 million dollars on new plant and equipment in 1954—second highest total on record.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Play the 3-2 Trump;
Win Bridge Hand

BY OSWALD JACOBY

"WOULD you be good enough," asks a Montreal correspondent, "to analyse the accompanying hand and indicate the proper line of play to make the contract? I found a way to go down one."

Glad to oblige, but perhaps I should comment first on the bidding. North bid his hand as though he held an additional king. If I had a partner who bid so ambiguously, I wouldn't be in a hurry to redouble with the South hand.

Nevertheless, the contract should be made. South simply plays for a 3-2 trump. If South can hardly take out insurance against any worse trump break.

West leads the king of spades, and South ruffs with the deuce. South immediately returns the six of hearts, allowing West to take the king. South must play

NORTH 12		EAST	
♠ J 10 5		♠ 9 8 7 4 3	
♥ 8 7		♥ Q 5 3	
♦ 6 2		♦ A 7 4	
♣ A Q 6 5 2		♣ 8 3	
WEST		SOUTH (13)	
♠ A K Q 6 2		♠ None	
♥ A K 4		♥ A J 10 6 2	
♦ J 10 5		♦ K Q 9 8 3	
♣ 10 9 7		♣ K J 4	
Both sides vul.		South West North East	
1 ♠	1 ♠	2 ♠	2 ♠
3 ♥	3 ♥	4 ♥	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Revoke Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ 10			

the trump, by ducking in this way, since dummy is not enough entries to clarify or take two trump finesses.

West continues the spades, and South is faced to ruff with the ten of hearts. South next leads the king of diamonds, forcing out East's ace.

East continues the pumping process by leading a third round of spades, and South must ruff with the jack.

South now leads his blank ace of hearts, leaving the queen of hearts in the East hand. Ignoring that queen of hearts, South goes after the clubs. East can ruff whenever he likes, but that is the only trick his side can make from that point on. Declarer has the rest with clubs and the queen of diamonds.

It's interesting to work out some of the variations in this hand. If South doesn't force the ace of diamonds, East will wait until all the clubs have been run and will then take the ace of diamonds, draw trumps with the queen of hearts, and cash a spade to defeat the contract. If the defenders fail to lead spades at each opportunity, South has a much easier time.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Heart Pass 2 Diamonds Pass
3 Clubs Pass

You, South, hold: Spades 8-10, Hearts 2, Diamonds A-K-Q-J, 6-5-2, Clubs K-3-2. What do you do?

A—Bid five diamonds. This jump shows a completely independent suit, very unbalanced distribution, and a willingness to play the hand at slam if your partner has enough ace. You cannot afford to make the first move toward the slam because of the weak doubleton in spades.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spade 2, Hearts 8-10, Diamonds A-K-Q-J, 6-5-2, Clubs K-Q-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

IMPATIENT young people, who sneer at the idea of a cheese growing old gracefully, will read with delight of an invention of industrial scientists.

By using high frequency sound waves it will soon be possible to mature a cheese overnight. The vibrations are too rapid for the human ear to hear. But, of course, there will be a tiny bang when they break the sound barrier, and there will be nothing to prevent an egg from growing stale faster than sound. There will be no need to lay down wine, as the great Burgundians and clarets will come to their prime in a few hours. In fact, the rhythm of life will be delightfully accelerated, and the newest gasworks, when subjected to the sound waves, will become an ivy-covered ruin before you can say *progress*.

Astonishing results

DR STRABISMUS (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht has already experimented with a Stilton. After losing 403,741 vibrations in four seconds he found that baby maggots had gone bald and grown long white heads. He reports that the cheese was completely tasteless, and that the sound waves set up a condition of ophthalmia, about which nothing whatever is known. A slice of bread five feet away began to bubble, and a peaceful small spread over an area of 1,804 square yards. All the clocks stopped, a sock disintegrated, and two medals turned yellow. "The experiment is only in its infancy," said the sage. "We know nothing about all this yet, so we have to go on with it."

Stock plane racing?

THE more degenerate forms of dancing and music—bebop, bebop, mooftwa, sockamotow, bam, wham, jo-jiveroo, and all the rest—are doomed. "A crowd of 28,000 yelled and cheered as tires screeched and burst. His ears fell off. Cars caught

fire, rolled over, rammed one another. The crowds roared." I quote from an account of the new sport of stock car racing. "If only," sighed a spectator, exhausted with emotion, "if only they could do all this in the air, too."

The demon drink

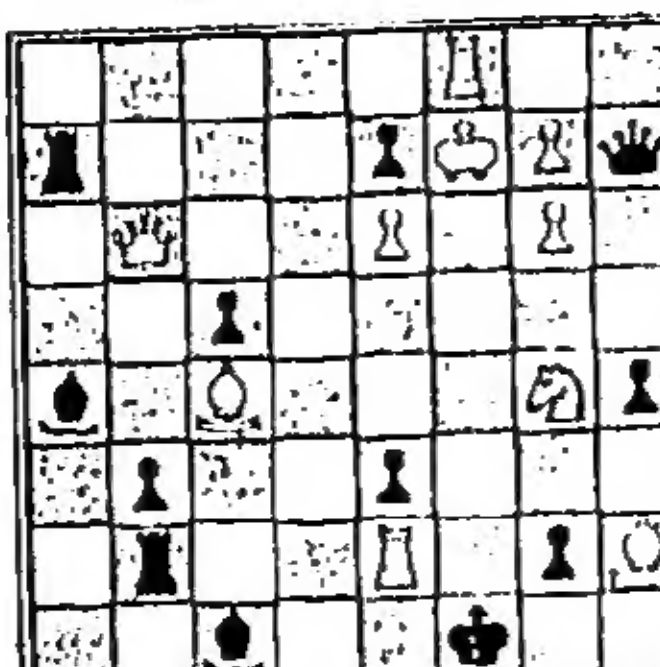
Milk bars are usually healthy meeting-places.

(Colchester man).

THE roaring blades who, after a second milk, are ready to smash a tent, and themselves very unpopular with the ladies. "Come, pretty one, let me lace your milk with a drop of lemon-juice," cries a ranting, rakeshell fellow. But the girl turns away, disdain written on every feature of her honeyed face. It was in a Macclesfield milk-tavern that a washbuckler threw his milk into the face of a friend, because he had spoken lightly of a lady dairy overseer's name.

CHESS PROBLEM

By J. L. VAN GRIEKEN
Black, 12 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.

White to play: mate in two. Solution to yesterday's problem.

1. B-K3; threat 2. R-R5 (ch). 1... P-K4; 2. Kt-Q6 (ch); 1... B-B3; 2. R-R5 (ch).

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

BEAUTIFUL today, you enjoy all the pleasures of life. You have a cultured intellect and a definite creative ability. The arts and the professions will offer you the most commendable and interesting opportunities. Original and inventive, you will be a leader in ideas as well as action. You have a great deal of nervous energy and feel that you must be actively doing something all the time. Your emotions are near the surface and you must learn self-control in this regard or there can be considerable unhappiness in store. You are temperamental as well as idealistic. In the case of most people, this is a great deal of trouble. You women have a great deal of personal magnetism. You are probably doing well. Among those who were born on this date are John Ficht, philosopher, Frank Capra, film director, John Hopkin, philanthropist, Samuel C. Bayne, a writer, and William Henry, inventor. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding horoscope. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20) — Don't go ahead on any business project, until you have secured the best possible advice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Although others may show impatience, don't fall into a similar error. Be considerate of your associates.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) — Being conservative in business matters at this time will repay you later on.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) — Things should be turning your way right now. Be sure you see an opportunity and grasp it.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — Some things are more important in life than others. Be sure you recognize that fact today and act accordingly.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — Worrying never does any good. Cross no bridges until you come to them. Maybe you never will.

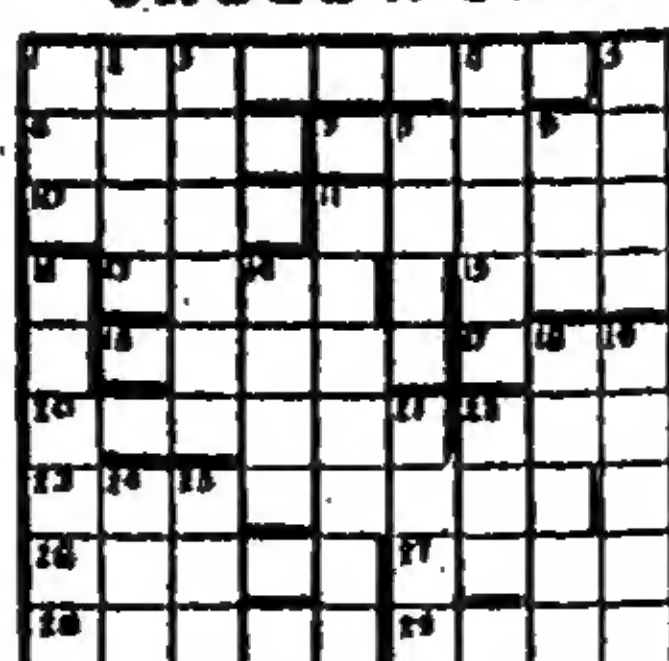
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) — To find what your objective clearly in front of you. Deviating from it defeats your best interests.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23) — Routine tends to become dull, but if you find new ways of doing the same old job, it helps.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20) — Inspiration may seem to be a shot in the dark. But it comes in pure form from experience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — Cultivate civility, politeness and a positive outlook on life, but don't swing so far that you can't take anything seriously.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Bare pole (anag.). (8)
2. Maybe not the England side. (4)
3. One hundred conceit to blame. (1)
4. Dear in Wales made music. (4)
5. Fed about morning. (3)
6. To Georgia for a Roman garment. (4)
7. Busy little fellow. (4)
8. You do if you are this. (3)
9. Black one and white one are at opposite ends of the same country. (3)
10. Real kind is concerned with the land. (4)
11. "It's a turkey!" "Christ!—and Gaudy!" (8)
12. Stare makes money. (3)
13. Friend in this is one-sided. (4)
14. Soapstone, but not fit for bathing. (5)
15. Do wheels grow on this tree? (4)

Down

1. A reminder held by the queen. (3)
2. Quietly I sat. (4)
3. You get mixed with anti-credit. (1)
4. One of a number of "bachelors of Medicine." (3)
5. Rejoinder. (4)
6. The hearty are often this too. (4)
7. Beware! Crossing for cattle. (3)
8. Any last anagram? (7)
9. Sweet for a minute. (3)
10. I may follow a line of two. (4)
11. I may follow a line of two. (4)
12. A word may throw this away. (3)
13. Next volcano? (4)
14. The middle of the sheep. (3)
15. And this means that you lose your bet. (3)
16. A period of 1 1/2 in a century. (3)

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A PARTY DRESS



By VERA WINSTON

DAINTY, feminine, gracious and, beyond all, pretty is the happy description of a navy or black dotted beige silk, a good choice for late afternoon wear and later on, under a silk coat. It has a deep square neckline front and back with a border of white piping. The skirt fullness comes from a back-dipping hip yoke. The snug bodice has draped, set-in sleeves.

Household Hints

Waxed linoleum becomes slippery when too much wax is applied and when it is not buffed enough. Use a good quality self-polishing wax on linoleum.

To prevent nylon from puckering when you are stitching it, hold the material taut, not tight.

Roll up your sleeves if you want to take it easy...

HERE is a deckchair that is simple to make and costs only a fraction of what you would pay in the shops.

Begin with the frame (Fig. 1). The side pieces are each 3ft. 6ins. long, from 1 1/2 in. by 1 in. timber.

The front cross-piece is of 2ins. by 1 in. stock and with the bar from 1 in. diameter dowel at the rear, is mortised and tenoned into the sides, and finally wedged.

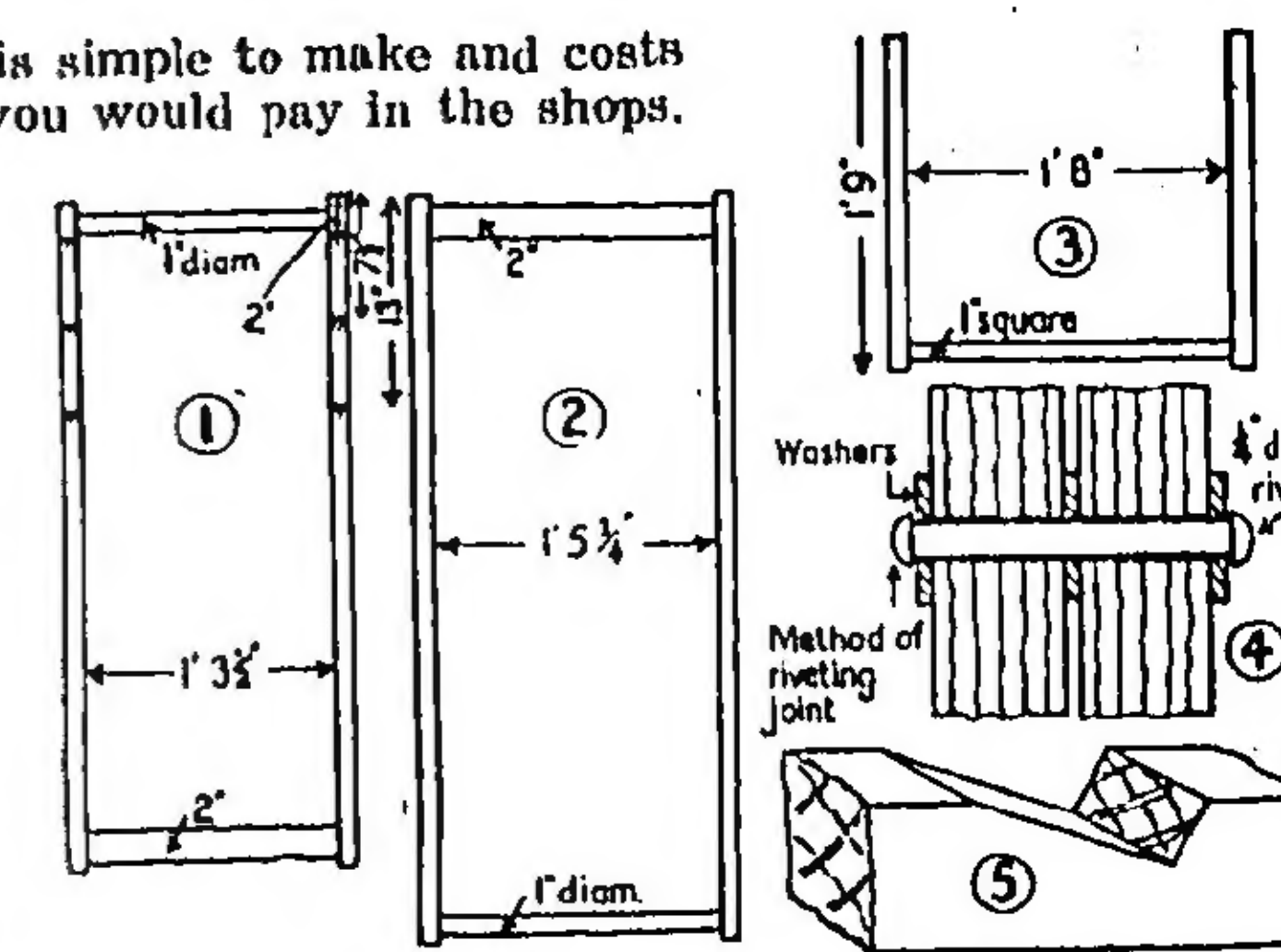
High or Low?

The larger frame is built up in the same way (Fig. 2), as is the small three-sided frame (Fig. 3), except that for the small frame the cross-piece is of 1 in. square section, and not circular.

The sides of the large frame are each 3ft. 11ins. long. The

pivots may be either 1/2 in. nuts and bolts, or long 1/4 in. rivets (Fig. 4). The holes in the frame sides should be accurately bored to ensure that the pivots work smoothly and do not bind.

The position of the pivot holes may be changed to suit a person requiring a particularly high or low seating chair, but



the positions given here will pivot are formed with holes bored 1/4 in. from the open end of the final frame.

In the frame containing the notches (Fig. 5) the holes should go through at one foot from the end which contains the broad colours, but if finances are low cut an old piece of carpeting frame will go through at a point 1 ft. 3 ins. from the end, which has the narrow rail. Further along this frame, 14 ins. from the holes already made, bore two other holes at which

— Andrew Smith

If You Must Smoke—Do It Gracefully

SMOKING can be done gracefully and still appear feminine. Study pictures of the Duchess of Kent smoking through her long elegant holder. Or Princess Margaret at the races or the theatre.

They both know how to hold a cigarette becomingly and lose neither poise nor femininity.

Doctors are worrying about our smoking habits. But if we decide to smoke do let's try to make the habit look attractive. Here's a list of bad smoking habits:

- 1.—Smoking in the street. Worst offenders are usually the under-twenties or the over-fifties.
- 2.—Chain smoking. Horribly unfeminine.

3.—Nicotine-stained fingers — beautiful hands may be bought in many gay colours, but if finances are low cut an old piece of carpeting frame will go through at a point 1 ft. 3 ins. from the end, which has the narrow rail. Further along this frame, 14 ins. from the holes already made, bore two other holes at which

4.—Staining cigarette ends with red lipstick.

5.—Stubbing out cigarette ends on plates or saucers instead of using the ashtray. This suggests lack of fastidiousness in other habits, too.

—(London Express Service)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

How It Feels to Be a Top

—Knarf Wondered—and was Turned into One!—

By MAX TRELL

MR MERLIN, the Magician, had just walked out from behind the bookshelf where he lived when he met Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name.

Knarf was just getting ready to spin his new red top.

"Well, well," said Mr Merlin, "I don't suppose you ever thought about how it felt to be one did you?"

"To be one what?" asked Knarf.

"To be a top!" said Mr Merlin.

Maybe He Could Be One

Knarf said he had never thought about being a top. But now that he did think of being one, he wondered if he couldn't be one.

"I guess I can arrange it," said Mr Merlin. "I'm a pretty good magician and I know a lot about tops. I'll show you what I mean."

As he said this, Mr Merlin gave Knarf a squeeze and a pinch and a push and a whack, all at the same time.

"Ouch!" cried Knarf. But to his astonishment, Knarf now found himself round in front and in back, about the size and shape of a ripe pear.

"Here, take a look at yourself!" said Mr Merlin to Knarf, holding Knarf in front of a mirror.

Knarf looked. "I'm a top!" he shouted.

Knarf found it hard to keep from falling over. "Perfect!" said Mr Merlin.

A Red Top

Then, before Knarf could protest, he picked him up by the legs and dipped him in a bottle of red ink and rolled him on a blotter.

"Wh-why did you do that?" spluttered Knarf.

"Be quiet, please!" Mr Merlin said. "Now you're a red top. Where did I put my string? Ah, here we have it!"

"No! I don't think I want to be a top!" Knarf started to say.

But it was too late. The string was already tied round and round his legs and half way up his hips. Suddenly he felt himself whirling through the air. "Keep your toes pointed!" he heard Mr Merlin, the Magician, saying. "Keep your arms against your side!"

Knarf went spinning, faster than he could ever imagine anything could spin.

At first, he could see nothing around him but a whirl. But all at once he got used to the spinning, and then the feeling was delightful.

A Spinning View

More quickly than you can read this he saw Mr Merlin sitting in a chair and smiling, and the Tin Soldier standing by



Mr. Merlin wound the string around Knarf who was a top.

the door, and the Canary in his cage at the window, and the bookshelves with all the books whirling past. It began to seem as if he were standing still and the whole room and everything in it was spinning around him. To his surprise, he felt himself humming.

More and more slowly the room seemed to be turning now. Knarf felt himself losing his balance. He tried hard to catch himself from falling on one side and then nearly went over on the other side. He was wobbling more and more. But he didn't care so much now. He was tired. He sat down.

"Well," said Mr Merlin, still smiling, "what did it feel like being a top?"

"Fine!" answered Knarf. "Only I think I've worn out the toes of my shoes!"

Rupert and The Lost Cuckoo—24



On spying Rupert, the weather-cock swerves and settles on a tree. "Why, bless my tail-feathers!" it cries in its loud brassy voice. "It isn't you, Rupert, from Nutwood. I've never seen you so close before. You're bigger than I thought."

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Rupert and the Space Ship



"Do you think she heard what we said about her?"

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Four Complaints Of Press Interference Reported

London, May 18.

Complaints about interference with the freedom of the press have been made in the past year to the Commonwealth Press Union by four Commonwealth countries — Pakistan, India, Australia and Trinidad — the Union's annual report states.

The Union is an organisation of Commonwealth newspapers through which press proprietors and chief executives from all over the Commonwealth unite to safeguard the interests of their profession. The report is to be presented to its annual meeting on June 1.

In Pakistan, it states, there have been complaints of a continued tendency to use the existing press legislation to discourage political criticism. On at least one other occasion another means to that end was used by the Government — the withdrawal of reporting facilities and governmental advertising from two newspapers.

In India a similar incident occurred. The Times of India complained that the Government of Bombay had withdrawn its advertising from the newspaper pending an "improvement of editorial tone."

The Council declared it was an abuse of executive authority for a Government to seek to influence the editorial policy of a responsible newspaper in that way.

There were two disturbing events in Australia. The first was a retroactive act rushed through the New South Wales

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legislature without warning, which made it compulsory for a newspaper to reveal, if called up, the source of information underlying allegations of corrupt practices by members of the Sydney City Council.

The other incident was the announcement by the New South Wales Premier of his intention to introduce a bill establishing a censorship of publications similar to the censorship of Publications Act 1946 of Eire.

In Trinidad, journalists as a class have been added to a schedule of persons to be banned from immigration to the Colony as "economically undesirable."

A protest from the Union declares that this would hamper press development, encourage ill-considered excessive nationalism and perpetuate acceptance of shaky standards of political life.

Referring to "suspension of newspapers, arrests and threats of arrest of journalists, expulsions of foreign correspondents, forfeiture of 'security deposits,' reprisals for criticisms of Governments and so forth," the report said: "These in the main have occurred outside the Commonwealth in those countries where press freedom has already for many years been either totally extinguished or is under permanent threat of extinction. Among these Russia and her satellites remain foremost and the South American Republics come second."

— Reuter.

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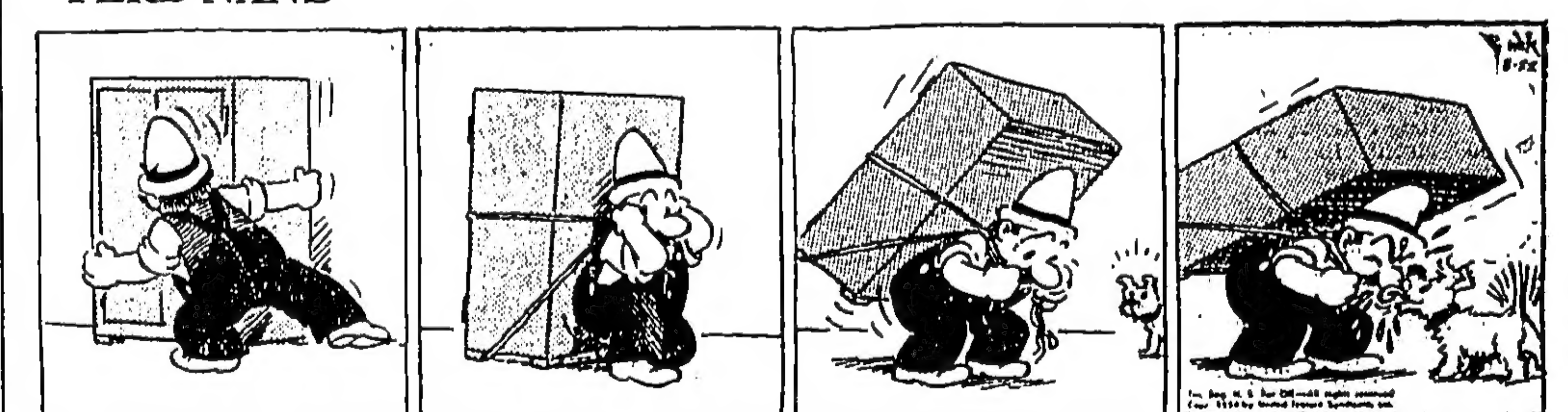
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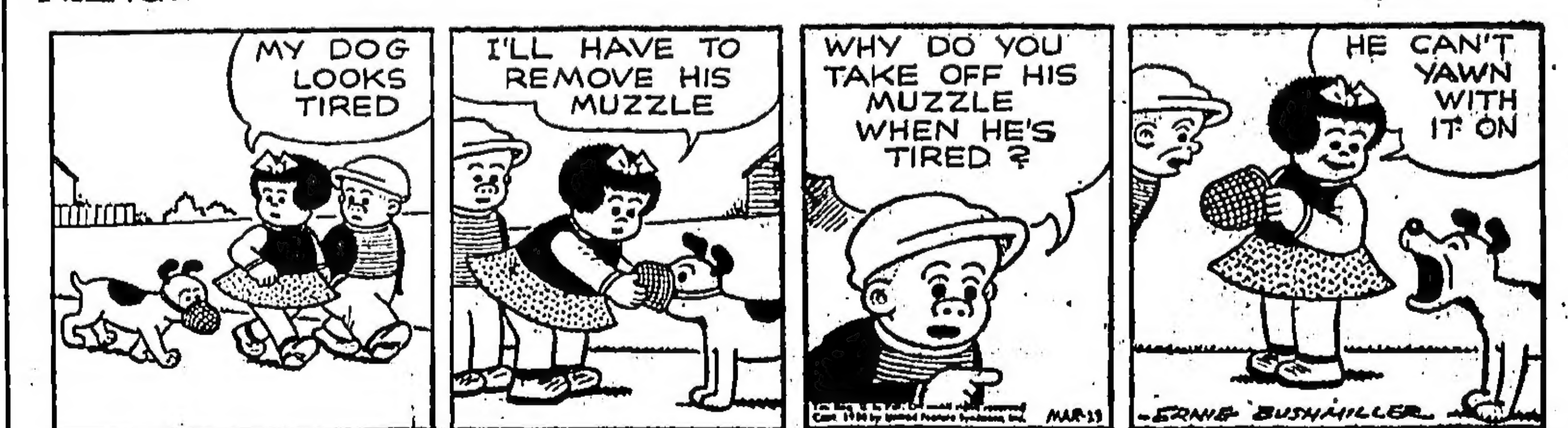
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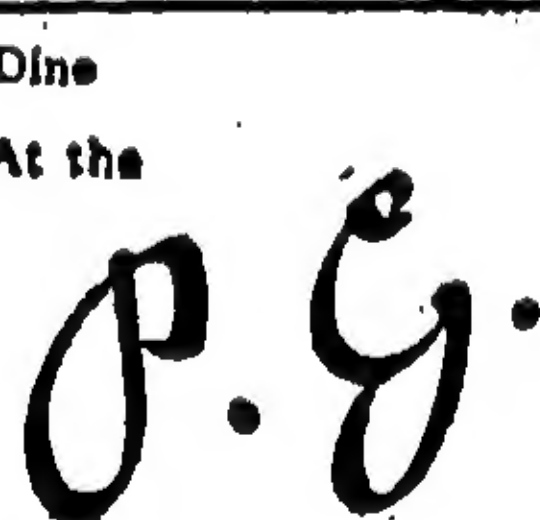
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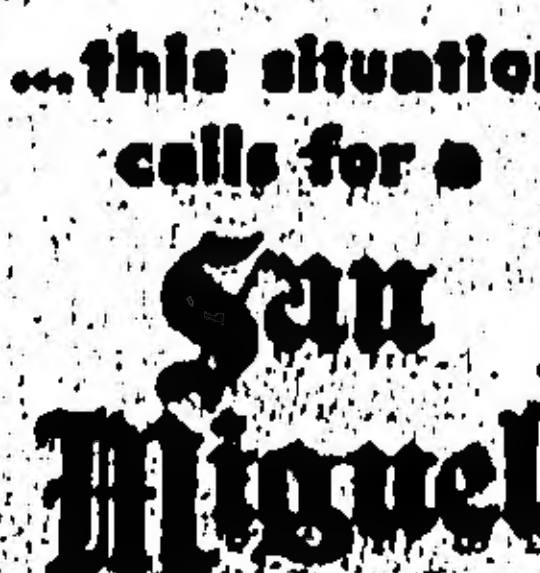


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THURSDAY, MAY 20

By Air
India, Ceylon, 10 a.m.
Japan, Korea, 1 p.m.
Philippines, Ceylon, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 3 p.m.
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By Air
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Formosa, Japan, Korea, 3 p.m.
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JET FIGHTERS GROUNDED

London, May 18.

The British Air Ministry tonight temporarily grounded all the supermarine Swift jet fighters pending the results of an inquiry into a fatal accident involving a Swift last week.

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Maud, The Poetess

THE name of the woman who liked to walk through life alone, was Maud. In her mid-forties, she looked austere, in build tall and slight. There was a kind of waxen pallor about her complexion, and her mouth even in repose was a thin, pale, determined line. The kind of mouth that brooks no argument.

Maud was found guilty at Bow Street of a trifling, inexcusable crime. The theft from a railway station of something worth at the most a few coppers.

Her character was one of the utmost respectability, and doubtless she would have been sent away from the court with the greatest of relishes, had she allowed things to happen that way.

But she would not. She spun a number of strange, conflicting tales that left the magistrate without much opinion but to remand her for a medical report.

CONFUSED AND MUDDLED

WHEN Maud was shown back into the dock a doctor's report was handed to Mr. Bertram Reece, the magistrate, and Miss Hamilton, the probation officer, went into the witness-box.

"The doctor's report was asked for," Miss Hamilton said, recalling Maud's last appearance, "because she seemed so confused and generally muddled. She said then that she had left her husband, in the country town where they lived, as the marriage was void because of some trouble over a birth certificate."

HER MANUSCRIPT

"SHE also said that her husband, who has a business of his own, was living with another woman, which isn't true. He had been very concerned about his wife, because she had smashed things up in his workshop, and he was going to call up the authorities about her. So she walked out and came to London."

"You will see, sir, that the doctor's report suggests she has voluntary treatment, but she won't accept any help at all, and I don't see how I can help her, outside her having treatment."

RIGHT ENVIRONMENT?

"SHE says she writes poetry, sir, and has had sales in America," Miss Hamilton added. "I've had them published," Maud snapped looking up from her studies.

The magistrate said to her, encouragingly: "You can write poetry if you go to hospital surely? It would increase its intensity and value, no doubt. What would you like to say?" But Maud was not going to be drawn into any discussions on the ideal environment for poetry-making. "I don't want any help," she said. "I've a doctor friend in Hampshire. He'll help me privately."

IT IS SAD

"BECAUSE I've got friends," Maud answered. "Has she?" Mr. Reece asked Miss Hamilton. "Not really," Miss Hamilton said. "She's been working in a restaurant since she came to London, and she had a furnished room that was far beyond her means and took nearly all her money." "Well, it's sad that you won't take advice from those who are trying to help you," Mr. Reece said to Maud. "It is very rare that when the hand of friendship is held out it is refused. However..." He discharged Maud conditionally, and she went out into London, alone.

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Atomic Energy Power In US Within 5 Years

Washington, May 18. Mr William Foster, president of the Manufacturing Chemists Association, predicted here today that power from atomic energy would be economically available in the United States within five years, and probably sooner in some other parts of the world.

He said the British were well ahead of the United States in this application and noted that the British target date for atomic power was 1956.

The United States, however, is developing a portable atomic reactor from which power equal to 3,000,000 pounds of coal may be generated from one pound of uranium.

Such a mobile power unit will be available soon, he said. Mr Foster is a former Deputy Secretary of Defence and Economic Co-operation Administration. He spoke today before a meeting of the Overseas Writers, an organization of newsmen who specialise in international affairs.

"MARSHALL PLAN" He proposed a new form of Marshall Plan by which the United States would assist other nations build up their economies by loans or gifts of atomic power. He explained that the United States' resources of such power were now greater than needed solely for weapons, in view of the advent of the hydrogen bomb.

"This makes necessary far fewer of the conventional atomic bombs and consequently much more material can now be devoted to economic applications of atomic materials."

"Such power, if made available to Asia, could revolutionise the economy completely," he said. "For example, in India package reactors (mobile atomic units) could be supplied to villages to furnish them energy to operate their mills and grind their tools. No power lines or roads would be necessary to bring in the fuel. They would have a virtually unending source of power to them."

He proposed that an international bank be created to lend atomic energy along the lines of money loans to other nations which are now provided by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Mr Foster's organization represents the owners of most of 5,000 chemical factories located in the United States. Many of them have been closely linked with the development of atomic power in the United States.

BRITAIN AHEAD Mr Foster said the British were ahead in projects to use atomic energy for power purposes because they had concentrated more on that phase, while the United States was producing bombs for the defence of both countries and other parts of the free world.

"It is a matter of application," he said. He added that the British also had the incentive of higher cost of fuels whereas the United States lacked that incentive with its abundant and relatively inexpensive coal, oil and gas supplies.

The British plan to use the equivalent of 21,000,000 tons of coal a year in atomic energy. They have never been more than a few weeks out of schedule and their goal is 1956. "We have nothing close to that," he said. He said the United States could regain leadership in this field, however, by applying its knowledge and materials to the same problem, particularly if it launched an international aid programme in atomic power.—United Press.

A PROMISE REDEEMED

Singapore, May 19.

A promise of a Hongkong student to his professor in London 12 years ago will be kept on Sunday when the arrival in Hongkong of Prof. E. T. Davies, lecturer in mathematics at the University of Southampton.

When Prof. Davies and his prize student Y. C. Wong parted during the bombing of London in 1942, the young Chinese promised that some day he would make it possible for the professor to come to the Far East. Wong is now a professor of mathematics at the University of Hongkong and was instrumental in getting Prof. Davies invited to the University as an external examiner.

Prof. Wong was Prof. Davies' pupil at King's College, London, from 1937 to 1942. Prof. Davies told the story of Wong's promise on his arrival in Singapore on Tuesday.

"The thing I will remember about a Chinese now is that he keeps his promise," Prof. Davies said. He is scheduled to leave for Hongkong on Sunday after delivering 21 lectures to the Malayan Mathematical Society.—United Press.

Narriman And Husband



Smiling together and radiantly happy in this latest picture from Cairo are ex-queen Narriman, former wife of ex-king Farouk and her bridegroom, Cambridge-educated doctor Adham El Nakel, 27. They were married at Narriman's villa in Heliopolis, a suburb of Cairo. An Egyptian court ordered the final decree of divorce between Farouk and Narriman in March. The ex-king retained the guardianship of their infant son Ahmed Fuad.—London Express.

Racial Segregation Snags Still Exist

New York, May 18.

The historic Supreme Court decision banning racial discrimination in public schools does not wholly solve the problem of racial segregation.

Laws have banned discrimination in schools, jobs and housing and thus enforced racial equality in most of the United States. But laws are not able to impose a natural mingling of races. Laws have not been able to force men to live as neighbours.

Population trends show graphically that when non-whites move into a new area, they cannot prevent their own segregation. The result is "automatic segregation" imposed by the residential distribution of races.

New York is an example of what may develop in the 17 Southern and Southwestern States affected by the Court ban against public school segregation.

New York was the first State in the nation to pass firm laws against racial discrimination in employment. It has broad laws against discrimination in housing. It has outlawed discrimination in public places—beaches, subways and buses, nightclubs and theatres and restaurants. These laws have worked with notable success, despite occasional cases of violation.

EXODUS OF WHITES

Yet the rapidly rising non-white population of New York City has resulted in an exodus of whites from many zones. This has produced some 100 per cent non-white areas which have more all-Negro schools than in some areas of the "Deep South"—simply because there are no whites living in the district any more.

San Francisco and Los Angeles are experiencing this same trend despite the widest legal guarantees of racial equality in California.

The problem is being encountered in Michigan, Oregon, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Ohio, where non-white populations are increasing three to ten times as fast as the white population.

Laws and US principles of liberty can effectively end racial discrimination in the public fields. They can even prevent such racial discrimination as private agreements to keep non-whites out of certain residential areas.

But they have not been able to force whites to accept universal and voluntary residential mingling of races. The laws and principles give non-whites the right to live where whites live, work where they work, eat and play where they eat and play—but they cannot require whites to remain there when the non-whites come.

New York City's problem crystallises that faced by all US. What was once a "Southern problem" only is now in reality a national problem. Of the 15,000,000 US Negroes, one-third live outside the South—and the Negro population outside the South rose 60 per cent between 1940 and 1950. Demographic experts estimated that by 1970 the US Negro population will be divided evenly between the Southern States and the rest of the country.—United Press.

School Property Appeal: Respondent's Counsel Addresses Court

"It is seldom that a Court had to hear a series of unmitigated lies told by the defendants and their witnesses for the purpose of avoiding this sale," commented Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, one of the Counsel for the respondent when hearing of the appeal involving property housing the Shih Nam School, of 1 Oaklands Path, Upper Levels, continued before the Full Court this morning.

The appeal was brought against a judgment of Sir Gerard Howe, Chief Justice, who ruled in favour of the plaintiff (the respondent) with costs, in an action for possession of the property.

The original action related to the alleged sale of the property during the Japanese occupation. The Full Court comprises Mr Justice J. R. Greig, Puisne Judge, and Mr Justice J. Reynolds, Acting Puisne Judge.

The appellants are Chu Yarn-on, schoolmaster, and Cheung Lam-chai, headmaster, both of the Shih Nam School. They are represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr S. V. Gittins, both instructed by Mr F. H. Loseby.

Named as second defendant in the original action was Leung Sai-foon, schoolmaster, who was stated in evidence during the hearing to have died prior to the issue of the writ in 1948.

The respondent is Li Tam Tching, of 8 Kennedy Terrace, ground floor, the wife of Mr Li Koon-chun, prominent Hongkong merchant. Representing her are the Hon. Lee d'Almeida, QC, and Mr Bernacchi, both on the instructions of Mr Y. K. Kan.

ANALYSES EVIDENCE

This morning, Mr Bernacchi resumed his submissions on the facts as stated in the pleadings, analysing the evidence adduced by the Defence.

Referring to the evidence of Wong Tat-to, a Defence witness, Mr Bernacchi said it was apparent that Wong played a considerable part in the matter of the school, and he had been called to give evidence that the whole of the plaintiff's story was untrue.

In his evidence, Wong Tat-to had said he was a bookseller, keeper, and also an assistant accountant at the Shih Nam School. He started off by painting his connection with the school as lightly as he could, Counsel stated, and presumably placed emphasis on the word "assistant".

He said the witness claimed that his part in the negotiations for the sale of the school with Leung Sai-foon was only on a friendly basis. Counsel told their Lordships that they would see that the witness was instrumental in registering the premises with the Japanese authorities.

Wong was cross-examined on the documents and the trial Judge disbelieved his story, he went on. The story he gave was thus a deliberate attempt to cry down the fact that he was one of the persons in authority in the negotiations during the relevant period.

DISBELIEVED

Turning to the evidence given by another Defence witness, Yeung Yat-fai, Mr Bernacchi said the important fact about his evidence was that it was an attempt to substantiate the allegations of what actually took place in Macao during the Japanese occupation. His evidence was also disbelieved by the Chief Justice.

Counsel then turned to the evidence of Lau Tak-po, a member of the Board of Directors who managed the School. He said Mr McNeill in his address to the Court had laid much importance on this evidence and had asked the Court to assume that there had been a breach of trust from that evidence.

But, Mr Bernacchi went on, Lau was the man who said he had washed his hands off the School during the Japanese occupation. It was therefore difficult to see how he could assist in the case at all, and how he could establish a breach of trust.

Counsel said Lau had said in his evidence that he was one of the founders of the School. During the Japanese occupation, he did not take any part in the running of the School. He had said he did not know that Leung Sai-foon had been appointed headmaster by the Japanese.

Mr Bernacchi declared that Lau's evidence at that stage was restricted to saying that he did not have anything to do with the School during the Japanese occupation, and that there was no official record of the School Board because they required a permit from the Japanese for such a meeting.

Reading the script of Lau's evidence further, he quoted a passage where the witness said he washed his hands of the

ACQUIRED IN SALE

He said it was no wonder that the trial Judge had stated that all these people had clearly acquired in the sale of the property.

Referring once more to Lau's evidence, Counsel said Lau later said that the third defendant afterwards told him about the sale. Asked why he had not seen Lee Kun-chun (the plaintiff's husband) about it, the witness had replied that he did not want to deal with him during the Japanese occupation.

Lau thus appeared to make contradictory statements. Like the rest of the Defence witnesses, he said, it was abundantly clear that he was not a witness to the fact that he had passed a resolution that they were going to stand by the sale of the property.

Saying that this was typical of the evidence adduced by the Defence generally, Mr Bernacchi said it was his submission that the only common thread in the evidence was that no wonder the trial Judge said that a breach of trust had not been established.

It was seldom, he added, that a Court had to hear a series of unmitigated lies told by the defendants and their witnesses for the purpose of avoiding this sale. Far less was the full authority of the law being conspired against.

SHOT PC STILL CRITICAL

Police constable 2325, Yeung Choi-chi, who was found shot at Kowloon City Police Station is still reported to be in a critical condition.

The 27-year-old policeman, attached to Kowloon City, was said to have improved slightly, but is not yet out of danger. He was found shot early yesterday morning, and taken to Kowloon Hospital.

VISITS MARINE DEPARTMENT

The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. R. B. Black, CIG, OBE, paid an unofficial inspection visit to the Marine Department this morning.

Mr Black was escorted to every individual office and introduced to the officers in the department by Mr J. Jolly, Director of Marine.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"You're only a little underweight, my good man—I wish you'd prescribe a diet for me!"

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Volunteers' Parade

Sir—I am writing again about the Hongkong Volunteer Centenary Celebrations. Up to now letters have gone to all old volunteers we can trace and also to the widows of those men who gave their lives during the Battle, whose addresses are known.

May I now use your columns to invite other widows and orphans of volunteers who would like to watch the Parade to write to the Deputy Commandant, at Happy Valley. He will be only too pleased to issue invitations for the Parade.

H. OWEN HUGHES

Lieutenant-Colonel, Chairman, Hongkong Volunteer Centenary Committee.

Early Morning Burglar

A young man broke into No. 745A Nathan Road, fifth floor, in the early hours of this morning, and stole clothing and other items to the value of \$65. He entered the flat, which has just recently been built, and was about to ransack it, when a resident heard him and raised the alarm. The man fled and is still at large.

Unlawful Boarding

Chan An-yuen, 30, was cautioned by Mr C. Cairns at the Marine Court this morning for boarding the steamer Botelgueno at Buoy A10 without the permission from the shipmaster. Chan was assisting his master, a licensed hawk, at a coffee stall on board at the time of the arrest.

Canton Rd Fire

A small fire broke out at 503 Canton Road at 11.25 a.m. today when a stove overturned. It was put out on the arrival of a fire appliance. There were no casualties.